

JARAD T. WILBUR

v.

JULIETTE M. WILBUR

Submitted on Briefs March 18, 2025
Decided June 17, 2025

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Juliette M. Wilbur appeals from the District Court's (Belfast, *Gilbert, J.*) denial of two motions following the entry of a default judgment in the underlying divorce action by a Family Law Magistrate (*Martin, M.*). Although Juliette¹ argues that her motions should be construed as objections to the magistrate's entry of final judgment under M.R. Civ. P. 118, neither filing meets the requirements to qualify as such. Juliette's first filing does not constitute an objection in either its form or substance. *See Kline v. Burdin*, 2017 ME 194, ¶¶ 11-15, 170 A.3d 282; *Daniel v. McCoy*, 2023 ME 17, ¶ 14, 290 A.3d 103. Juliette's second filing, regardless of its form or substance, was untimely as an objection. *See Kline*, 2017 ME 194, ¶ 17, 170 A.3d 282; M.R. Civ. P. 118(a). Because filing an objection is a necessary prerequisite to an appeal to us, Juliette has waived her right to appeal from the final divorce judgment. M.R. Civ. P. 118(a).

¹ Because the parties share the same surname, we refer to them by their first names.

The entry is:

Appeal dismissed.

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